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**Communications Network For A Metropolitan Area**  
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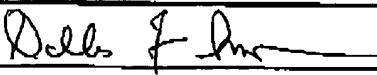
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**First Reply to Final Office Action**

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are a First Reply in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 3, 2006, in the above-referenced case. This First Reply is filed within the two-month period from the mailing date of the Final Office Action. Applicant requests an Advisory Action pursuant to the provision of MPEP 706.07(f)(D).

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

**Amendment**

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this Amendment.

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